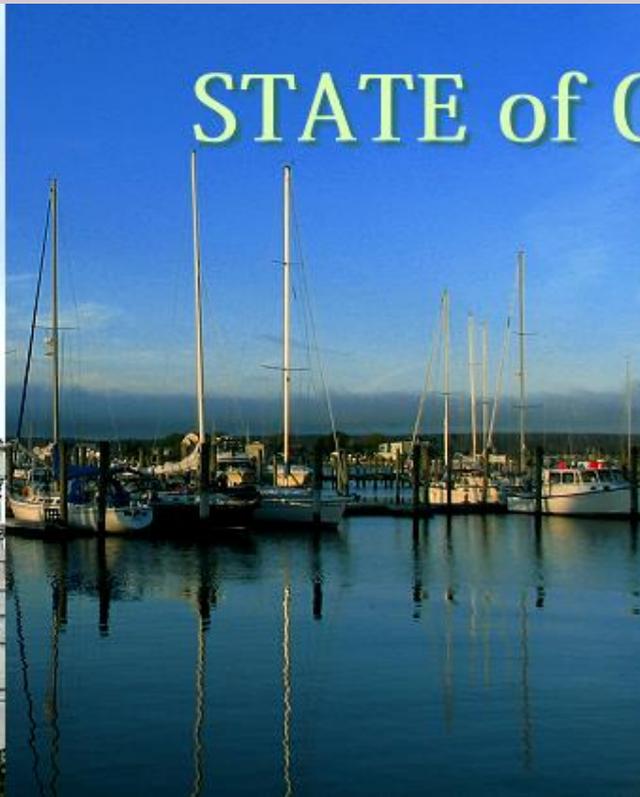
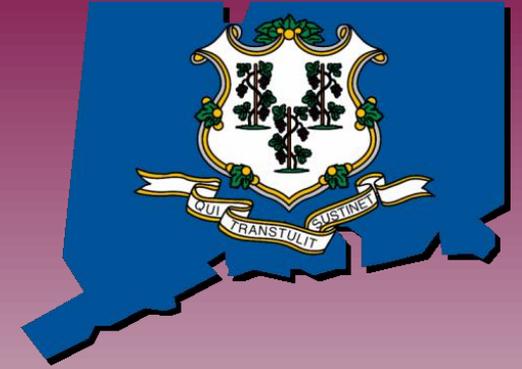


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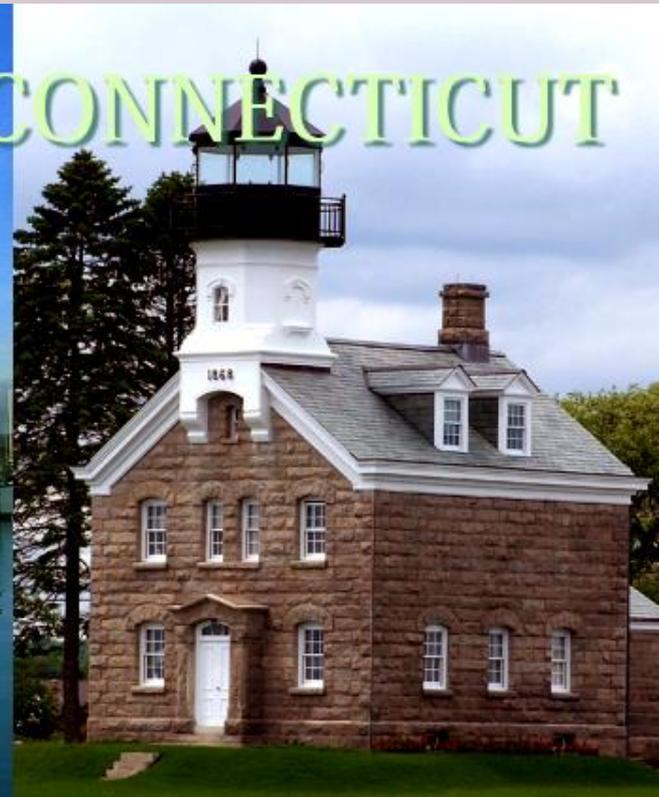
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# WARNING

- CONTENTS OF THIS PROGRAM ARE GRAPHIC IN NATURE





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SECTION 53-247 CGS  
CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

*BREAKING DOWN THE  
STATUTE*

Overdrives, drives when overloaded, overworks



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Deprives of necessary sustenance



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# Cruelly Beats or Kills Or Unjustifiably Injures



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Having impounded or confined and fails  
to give proper care



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Neglects to cage or restrain animals  
to prevent injury to themselves or  
other animals



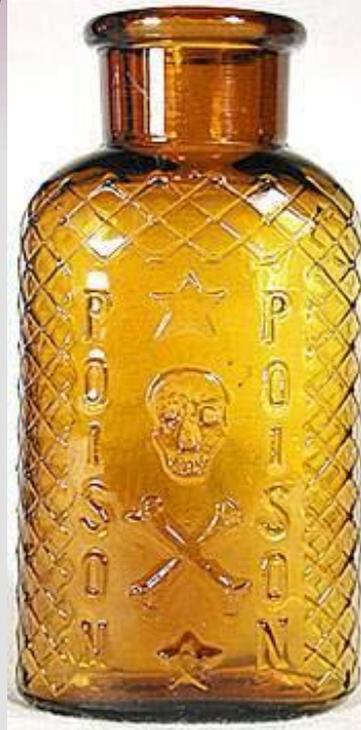
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Fails To Supply With Wholesome  
Air, Food, or Water



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Unjustifiably administers or exposes  
poisonous or noxious drug or substance  
with the intent that the same shall be  
taken by such animal.



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Having charge or custody inflicts cruelty or fails to provide proper food, drink, or **protection from the weather.**



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# Abandons



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# Carries or causes to be carried in a cruel manner



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Baits, harasses, or worries for the purpose of amusement diversion, or exhibition



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# ANIMAL HOARDING



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# STIGMA



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**new from Ikea**



**Crazy Cat Lady organizer**

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# IN THE PUBLIC EYE



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# PROFILE

- Majority Are Women 50 + Yrs.
- Single
- No Children
- Live Alone
- No Social Life



# Defining Animal Hoarders

- Large Number of Animals
- Failure to provide minimal standards of sanitation, space, nutrition, and veterinary care for the animals
- Inability to recognize the effects of this failure on the welfare of the animals, human members of the household, and the environment

# DEFINING ANIMAL HOARDERS

- Obsessive attempts to accumulate or maintain a collection of animals in the face of progressively deteriorating conditions
- Denial or minimization of problems and living conditions for people and animals

# JUSTIFICATION

ANIMALS ARE  
SURROGATE  
CHILDREN

NO ONE ELSE CAN  
CARE FOR THEM

WILL NOT SEEK  
HELP FOR FEAR OF  
THE ANIMALS BEING  
EUTHANIZED



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**THE STORY of STUFF**

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# CASE OUTCOME

- Emergency Committal
- Arrest
- Victims Outcome
- Court Findings



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# TODAY?



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# CASE # 2



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- CSP EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT



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# CASE OUTCOME

- ARREST
- PROBATION
- ANIMALS ADOPTED



# OTHER CASES & TYPES



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CAN'T SAY NO!!!



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# RESCUE HOARDER



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# ENDLESS SUPPLY FROM SOUTHERN SHELTERS



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# DELIVERED



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# GOOD INTENTIONS GONE BAD



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# AGE RELATED



72 HORSES  
82 year old man

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# BREEDER



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# BECOMES SOMEONE ELSE'S PROBLEM



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# RELOCATION



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**HOW LONG HAVE THEY LIVED  
THERE?**

**PAST TOWNS OR STATES HAVE  
THEY LIVED?**

# DO YOUR HOMEWORK



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# HOBBY



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# THE PLAINVILLE CHICKEN CASE



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# Case Outcome



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# WHAT TO DO



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# Working With The Person

- **EVERY CASE IS NOT AN AUTOMATIC SEIZURE OF THE ANIMALS**



- BUILD A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP
- ARE THE ANIMALS VACCINATED?
- HAS A VETERINARIAN SEEN THE ANIMALS?



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# WILL THEY RELEASE SOME OF THE ANIMALS?



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# ARE THERE CHILDREN IN THE HOUSE?



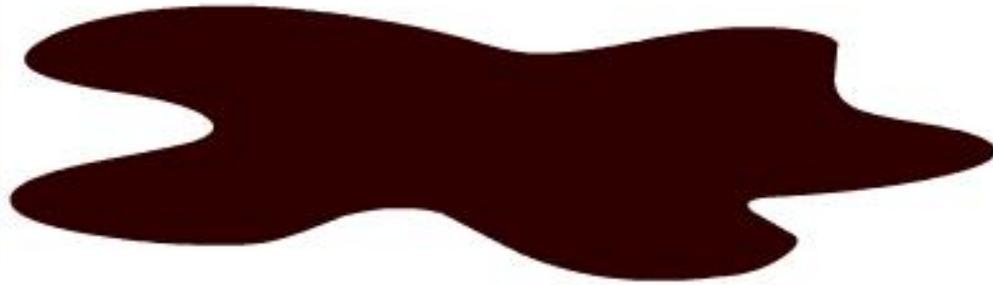
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# ELDERLY?



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**Due diligence NOW**



**so you're not in  
doo doo later.**

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# Cooperation Stops



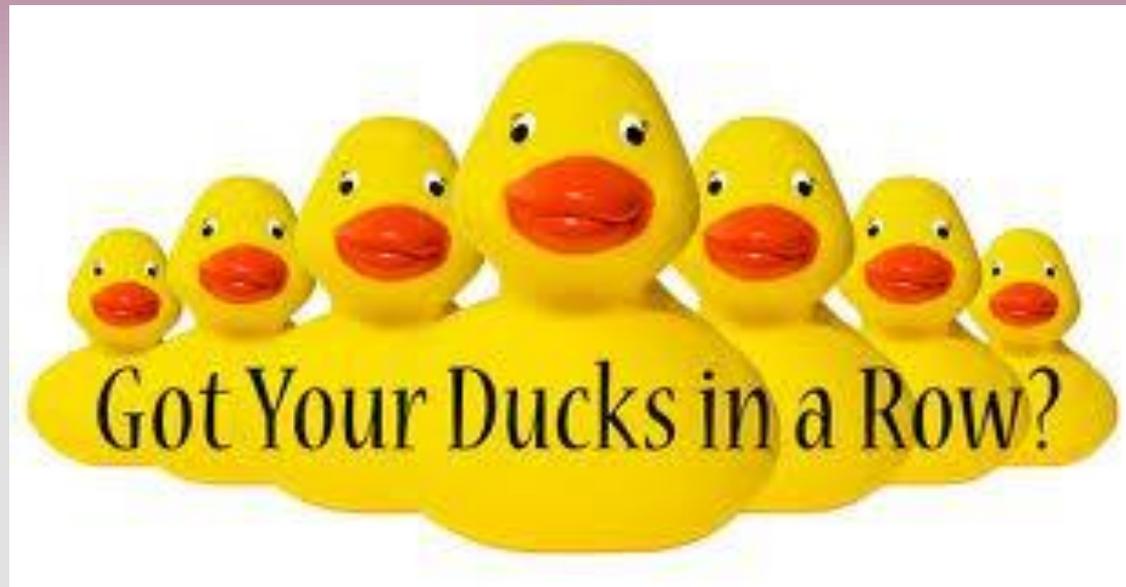
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# Search Warrant



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Before you go to serve the warrant



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# What am I going to need?

- Help
- Mutual Aid From Surrounding Towns
- You Are Not Going To Do This Alone



# How Many Animals?



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# Do The Math

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 > -3 \\ 0.999\dots = 1 \\ \pi \approx 3.14 \\ \sqrt{2} \\ 5(2 + 2) \\ 101_2 = 5_{10} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} + \\ - \\ \times \\ \div \\ 5^2 \\ (1 - 2) + 3 \end{array}$$

# Hidden Animals You Didn't Know About



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# Animals living in walls



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# Planning Is Important

- Where Are You Going To House All Of The Animals Seized?
- Prepare For Long Term Housing



# EVERY ANIMAL EXAMINED



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# What's It Going To Cost?



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# Who's Going To Handle The Press?



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# PPE!!!!!!!!!!!!



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# Multiple Days On Scene



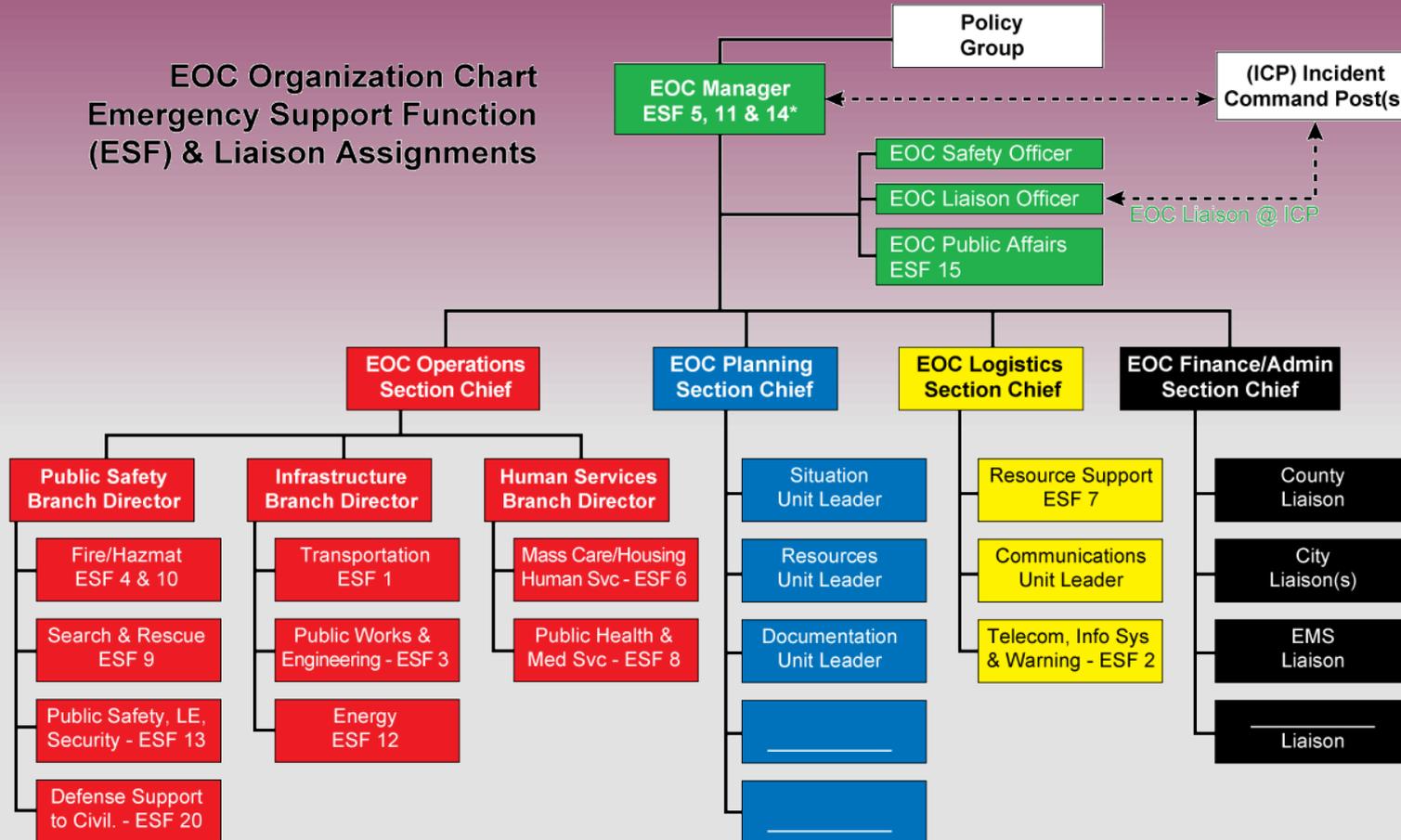
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# HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR ALL OF THIS?

failing = prepare  
to prepare = to fail

# INCIDENT COMMAND

EOC Organization Chart  
Emergency Support Function  
(ESF) & Liaison Assignments

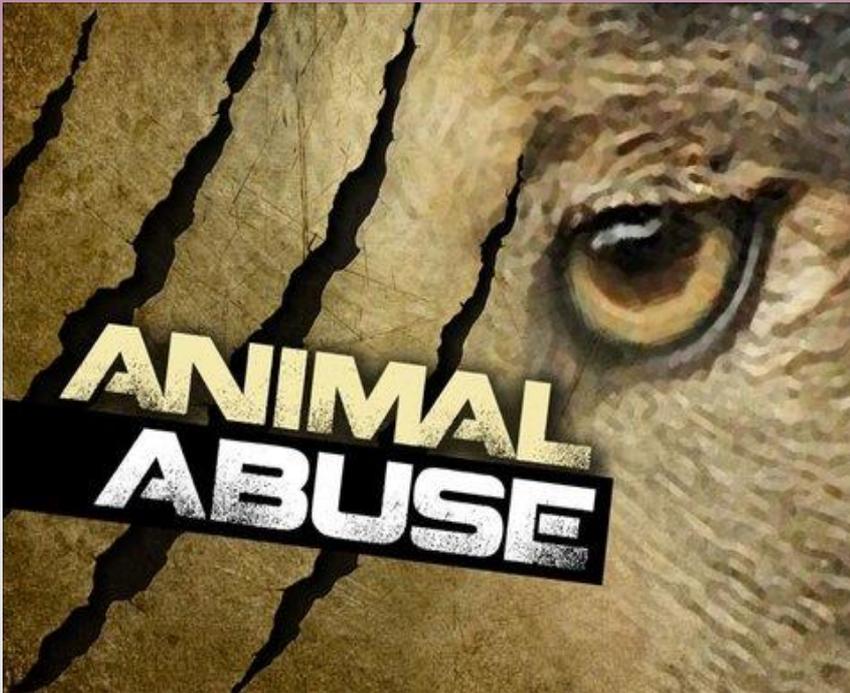


\*ESF 5 - Emergency Management  
 ESF 11 - Agriculture & Natural Resources  
 ESF 14 - Long Term Community Recovery & Mitigation

# RESOURCES

- ANIMAL CONTROL
- POLICE DEPARTMENT
- HEALTH DIRECTOR
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- CHILDREN & FAMILIES
- FIRE DEPT. / FIRE MARSHAL
- STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
- HOUSING
- ZONING ENFORCEMENT
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

# After The Animal Seizure



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# Why Arrest?



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# Court Ordered



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# WITHOUT INTERVENTION THE RATE OF RECIDIVISIM



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# NUMBER ONE RULE



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# Keep Your Comments To Yourself



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# Always Be Professional

pro·fes·sion·al·ism

*noun* \prə-ˈfesh-nə-ji-zəm, -ˈfe-shə-nə-ji-\

: the skill, good judgment, and polite behavior that is expected from a person who is trained to do a job well



**QUESTIONS????????????**

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